Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Original): An information delivery management apparatus for managing delivery status of information transmitted from a mobile communication terminal to another mobile communication terminal, comprising:

first storage means for storing delivery status data indicating whether said information has been delivered to the receiver mobile communication terminal or not;

second storage means for storing check permission data indicating whether a check of the delivery status data of information is permitted or prohibited, for every mobile communication terminal;

updating means for, in response to an update request sent from the outside of the apparatus when said information is delivered to the receiver mobile communication terminal, updating the delivery status data of undelivered status about the receiver mobile communication terminal, stored in said first storage means, to data of delivered status when the check permission data about the receiver mobile communication terminal, stored in said second storage means, indicates "permitted;" and

sending means for extracting said delivery status data stored in said first storage means, in response to a request from the sender mobile communication terminal and sending said extracted delivery status data to said sender mobile communication terminal.

Claim 2 (Original): The information delivery management apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein when said check permission data about the receiver mobile communication terminal, stored in said second storage means, is "prohibited," said updating means, receiving

said update request, updates said delivery status data of undelivered status stored in said first

storage means, to data indicating that said check permission data is "prohibited."

Claim 3 (Original): The information delivery management apparatus according to

Claim 1, wherein when said check permission data about the receiver mobile communication

terminal, stored in said second storage means, is "prohibited," said updating means, receiving

said update request, does not update said delivery status data about the receiver mobile

communication terminal stored in said first storage means.

Claim 4 (Original): The information delivery management apparatus according to

Claim 1, wherein said second storage means stores said information, and

wherein after said sending means sends said delivery status data to the sender mobile

communication terminal, said sending means retransmits said information to the receiver

mobile communication terminal on the basis of a retransmission command sent from said

sender mobile communication terminal.

Claim 5 (Original): An information delivery check system for checking delivery

status of information sent from a mobile communication terminal to another mobile

communication terminal, comprising:

mobile communication terminals of an information sender and an information

receiver;

the information delivery management apparatus as set forth in Claim 1; and

a relay for relaying the information from said sender mobile communication terminal

to send the information to said receiver mobile communication terminal and for sending the

update request to the information delivery management apparatus when detecting delivery of said information to the receiver mobile communication terminal.

Claim 6 (Original): An information delivery management apparatus for managing delivery status of information transmitted from a mobile communication terminal to another mobile communication terminal, comprising:

first storage means for storing delivery status data indicating whether said information has been delivered to the receiver mobile communication terminal or not;

receiving means for receiving check permission data indicating whether a check of said delivery status data of the information from the receiver mobile communication terminal is permitted or prohibited, every time information is delivered;

updating means for, in response to an update request sent from the outside of the apparatus when said information is delivered to the receiver mobile communication terminal, updating the delivery status data of undelivered status about the receiver mobile communication terminal, stored in said first storage means, to data of delivered status when said check permission data received by said receiving means indicates "permitted;" and

sending means for extracting said delivery status data stored in said first storage means, in response to a request from the sender mobile communication terminal and sending said delivery status data to said sender mobile communication terminal.

Claim 7 (Original): The information delivery management apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein when said check permission data is "prohibited," said updating means, receiving said update request, updates said delivery status data of undelivered status stored in said first storage means, to data indicating that said check permission data is "prohibited."

Claim 8 (Original): The information delivery management apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein when said check permission data is "prohibited," said updating means, receiving said update request, does not update said delivery status data about the receiver mobile communication terminal stored in said first storage means.

Claim 9 (Original): The information delivery management apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein said second storage means stores said information, and

wherein after said sending means sends said delivery status data to the sender mobile communication terminal, said sending means retransmits said information to the receiver mobile communication terminal on the basis of a retransmission command sent from said sender mobile communication terminal.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A mobile communication terminal capable of receiving information from another mobile communication terminal, which is capable of communicating with information delivery management apparatus having first storage means storing delivery status data indicating whether said information has been delivered or not, said mobile communication terminal comprising:

second storage means for storing check permission data, indicating whether a check of the delivery status data of information is permitted or prohibited, for every mobile communication terminal;

sending means designated to retransmit said information to the receiver mobile communication terminal, on the basis of a retransmission command sent from said sender mobile communication terminal, after said sending means sends said delivery status data to the sender communication terminal;

check permission determining means for determining check permission data indicating whether a check of said delivery status data of the information is permitted or prohibited, every time information is delivered; and

transmitting means for transmitting said check permission data determined, to said information delivery management apparatus.

Claim 11 (Original): An information delivery check system for checking delivery status of information sent from a mobile communication terminal to another mobile communication terminal, comprising:

a mobile communication terminal for transmitting information;

the mobile communication terminal as set forth in Claim 10, for receiving the information;

the information delivery management apparatus as set forth in Claim 6; and

a relay for relaying the information from said sender mobile communication terminal to send the information to said receiver mobile communication terminal and for sending the update request to the information delivery management apparatus when detecting delivery of said information to the receiver mobile communication terminal.

Claim 12 (Original): An information delivery check method for checking delivery status of information transmitted from a mobile communication terminal to another mobile communication terminal, comprising:

a step of storing delivery status data indicating whether said information has been delivered to the receiver mobile communication terminal or not, in first storage means of information delivery management apparatus comprising the first storage means, second storage means, updating means, and sending means;

a step of storing check permission data indicating whether a check of the delivery status data of the information is permitted or prohibited, for every mobile communication terminal is the second storage means;

a step of transmitting an update request for said delivery status data when a relay for relaying the information from the sender mobile communication terminal to send the information to the receiver mobile communication terminal, detects that said information has been delivered to the receiver mobile communication terminal;

a step of, in response to said update request, letting said updating means update the delivery status data of undelivered status about the receiver mobile communication terminal, stored in said first storage means, to data of delivered status when said check permission data about the receiver mobile communication terminal stored in the second storage means is "permitted;" and

a step of letting said sending means extract said delivery status data stored in said first storage means, in response to a request from the sender mobile communication terminal and send said extracted delivery status data to the sender mobile communication terminal.

Claim 13 (Original): An information delivery check method for checking delivery status of information transmitted from a mobile communication terminal to another mobile communication terminal, comprising:

a step of storing delivery status data indicating whether said information has been delivered to the receiver mobile communication terminal or not, in first storage means of information delivery management apparatus comprising the first storage means, second storage means, updating means, and sending means;

a step of, when the receiver mobile communication terminal receives said information from a relay, requesting to make a decision on check permission data indicating whether a check of said delivery status data of the information is permitted or prohibited;

a step of letting said receiver mobile communication terminal transmit said check permission data determined, to said information delivery management apparatus;

a step of transmitting an update request for said delivery status data to said information delivery management apparatus when the relay for relaying the information from the sender mobile communication terminal to send the information to the receiver mobile communication terminal, detects that said information has been delivered to the receiver mobile communication terminal;

a step of, in response to said update request, letting said updating means update the delivery status data of undelivered status about the receiver mobile communication terminal, stored in said first storage means, to data of delivered status when said check permission data determined at said receiver mobile communication terminal is "permitted;" and

a step of letting said sending means extract said delivery status data stored in said first storage means, in response to a request from the sender mobile communication terminal and send said extracted delivery status data to the sender mobile communication terminal.

Claim 14 (New): An information delivery management apparatus for managing delivery status of information transmitted from a mobile communication terminal to another mobile communication terminal, comprising first storage means, sending means, receiving means, and updating means,

wherein said first storage means are provided for storing delivery status indication whether said information has been delivered to the receiver mobile communication terminal or not;

said sending means are provided for extracting said delivery status data stored in said first storage means, in response to a request from the sender mobile communication terminal and sending said delivery status data to said sender mobile communication terminal,

said information delivery management apparatus further comprises second storage means for storing check permission data indicating whether a check of the delivery status data of information is permitted or prohibited, for every mobile communication terminal;

said receiving means are provided for receiving check permission data indicating whether a check of said delivery status data of the information from the receiver mobile communication terminal is permitted or prohibited;

said updating means are provided for, in response to an update request sent from the outside of the system of the information delivery management apparatus when said information is delivered to the receiver mobile communication terminal, updating the delivery status data of undelivered status about the receiver mobile communication terminal, stored in said first storage means, to data of delivered status when said check permission data received by said receiving means indicates "permitted"; and

said sending means is designed to retransmit said information to the receiver mobile communication terminal on the basis of a retransmission command sent from said sender mobile communication terminal (A), after said sending means sends said delivery status data to the sender mobile communication terminal.

Claim 15 (New): The information delivery management apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said receiving means is designed to store said information.

Claim 16 (New): The information delivery management apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said second storage is designed to store said information.

Claim 17 (New): The information delivery management apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said updating means, receiving said update request, is designed to update said delivery status data of undelivered status stored in said first storage means, to data indicating that said check permission data is "prohibited", when said check permission data about the receiver mobile communication terminal, stored in said second storage means, is "prohibited".

Claim 18 (New): The information delivery management apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said updating means, receiving said update request, is designed not to update said delivery status data about the receiver mobile communication terminal stored in said first storage means, when said check permission data is "prohibited".

Claim 19 (New): The information delivery management apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said delivery status data is viewed on a display at the sender mobile communication terminal.

Claim 20 (New): Information delivery check system for chucking delivery status of information sent from a mobile communication terminal to another mobile communication terminal, comprising:

mobile communication terminals of an information sender and an information receiver; the information delivery management apparatus as set forth in either one of claim 1-6 and

a rely for relaying the information from said sender mobile communication terminal to send the information to said receiver mobile communication terminal and for sending the

update request to the information delivery management apparatus when detecting delivery of

said information to the receiver mobile communication terminal.

Claim 21 (New): The information delivery check system according to claim 20,

further including a mobile communication terminal as set forth in claim 8, for receiving the

information.

Claim 22 (New): An information delivery check method for checking delivery status

of information transmitted from a mobile communication terminal to another mobile

communication terminal, comprising:

a step of storing delivery status data indicating whether said information has been

delivered to the receiver mobile communication terminal or not, in first storage means of an

information delivery management apparatus comprising said first storage means, second

storage means, updating means, and sending means;

said method further comprising:

a step of storing check permission data in the second storage means, said check

permission data indicating whether a check of the delivery status data of the information is

permitted o r prohibited, for every mobile communication terminal;

a step of transmitting an update request for said delivery status data with a rely for

relying the information from the sender mobile communication terminal to send the

information to the receiver mobile communication terminal, when said rely detects that said

information has been delivered to the receiver mobile communication terminal;

a step of, in response to said update request, letting said updating means update the

delivery status data of undelivered status about the receiver mobile communication terminal,

stored in said first storage means, to data of delivered status when said check permission data

about the receiver mobile communication terminal stored in the second storage means is "permitted";

a step of letting said sending means extract said delivery status data stared in said first storage means, in response to a request from the sender mobile communication terminal and send said extracted delivery status data to the sender mobile communication terminal; and

a step of retransmitting said information to the receiver mobile communication terminal on the basis of a retransmission command sent from said sender mobile communication terminal, after said sending means sends said delivery status data to the sender mobile communication terminal.

Claim 23 (New): The information delivery check method according to claim 22, further comprising a step of storing said information in receiving means.

Claim 24 (New): The information delivery check method according to claim 22, further comprising a step of storing said information in said second storage means,

Claim 25 (New): The information delivery check method according to claim 22, further comprising:

a step of, when the receiver mobile communication terminal receives said information from the relay, requesting to make a decision on check permission data indicating whether a check of said delivery status data of the information is permitted or prohibited; and

a step of letting said receiver mobile communication terminal transmit said check permission data determined, to said information delivery management apparatus.